

KNOTTINGLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1946.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In view of the present circumstances and the Ministry of Health Circular dated 25th October, 1938, I append herewith abbreviated statistics for the year 1946.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	2,837
Registrar General's Estimated Population	8,910
Number of Inhabited Houses	2,443
Rateable Value	£ 69,446
Product of One Penny Rate	£ 271-1-9d.

The population has increased by 524 in 1946.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	Legitimate	- 90 Males.	93 Females.	Total 183)	192
	Illegitimate	- 3 Males.	6 Females.	Total 9)	
	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population -			19.30	
<u>Still Births</u>	Legitimate	- 4 Males.	2 Females.	Total 6)	6
	Illegitimate	- 0 Males.	0 Females.	Total -)	
	Rate per 1,000 live and still births.			31.24	
<u>Deaths</u>	All causes	- 56 Males.	41 Females.	Total 97	
	Deaths from:-				
	Cancer (all ages)		12		
	Measles " "		-		
	Whooping Cough (all ages)		-		
	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)		-		
	Syphilitis		2		
	Heart Disease		28		
	Death Rate per 1,000 Population			10.88	

The Birth Rate in the Knottingley Urban District is 19.30 against 19.63 for England and Wales. The Death Rate from all causes is 10.88 against 11.50 for England and Wales, so that both these figures compare favourably.

The Infantile Death Rate for the Country is 46.0 - Knottingley 31.24 (last year 40.11)

The principal causes of death were heart diseases - 28 cases. Cancer - all forms 12. Bronchitis - 12. Pneumonia - 3.

<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASES</u>	<u>Number Notified</u>	<u>Removed to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	3	3	-
Whooping Cough	47	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Erysipelas	4	-	-
Measles	114	-	-
Pneumonia	39	-	3
Puerperal Fever or Pyrexia	-	-	-
Tuberculosis-Pulmonary	5	-	3
Ophtalma Neonatorum	1	-	-
Tuberculosis-Non Pulmonary	6	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-

During the year 1946, further big efforts were made to affect the Immunization of all school children and children under school age. Splendid help was given by the teaching staff instilling the necessity of the school children being immunized and the Urban Council also gave me good help.

The estimated number of children in the Knottingley Urban District between the ages of nought and five is 784. The added number during 1946 immunized in this age group is 172. The added number between 6 and 15 is 132.

SCABIES

Arrangements are being continued with the Pontefract Isolation Hospital to treat women and children. This was carried out with success and reducing the number of cases to be notified. Notification of Scabies is not compulsory, but good co-operation is carried on between the doctor practicing in the area and myself.

TUBERCULOSIS AND SYPHILLIS

These are dealt with directly from the West Riding County Council also the care of premature infants and illegitimate children.

The Sanitary conditions and circumstances are dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector in Form "C". There are no special matters calling for comment, except the above paragraphs on Immunization and Scabies.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. KEHELLY

Medical Officer of Health.